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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Soviet Internal Affairs Branch, OCI
SUBJECT: Excerpts of Material from SB/S/CA Operations

1. Source: Western traveller to the Soviet Union in October 1966.

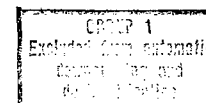
There is a dynamic group of young intellectuals in Kiev but the majority is unnerved as a result of the new refined measures of persecution. Individuals who participate in nationalist demonstrations are photographed by the KGB and later expelled from their job or their school. Mykola BAZHAN remained non-committal. He refrained from participating in any of the protest demonstrations. Vitaliy KOROTYCH also "sat on the fence" as has been his practice in the recent past.

When Mykola HORYN', (father of the HORYN' brothers who were arrested in Lvov in the spring of 1965 and accused of nationalist activities) came to visit the source in the home of source's relatives, all of source's relatives who were present fled from the house because they feared being accused of conspiracy. The elder HORYN's morale was high and he expressed pride in his sons' deeds. He said he was certain their sacrifices were not in vain and he was optimistic about the future.

The HORYN' brothers were tried in Lvov, along with two other individuals whose names the source did not recall. The trial was closed to the public and even the closest relatives were denied admittance. The trial proceedings were started in Russian. The defendants immediately declared that they refused to answer questions asked of them in the Russian language. The chief judge consulted with his colleagues and the trial continued in the Ukrainian language. The defendants denied the accusation that they were anti-regime. They said they were merely trying to implement the principles of the Leninist nationalities policy in the Ukraine by demanding that Ukrainians be granted their right to the Ukrainian language and cultural development. They said they sought the rights guaranteed to the Ukrainian people under the Soviet constitution. Mykhaylo, the older of the two HORYN' brothers, was sentenced to six years and taken to Mordovia. His younger brother, Bohdan, was sentenced to four years but he is being held in a prison in Lvov awaiting another trial. A third, younger brother, was expelled from the university he was attending and Mykhaylo's wife was fired from her job.

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2. Source: As above.

Soviet Ukrainians complained about the absence of Western diplomatic representation in Kiev and about the lack of adequate communications with their capital city. They felt there should at least be Western correspondents permanently stationed in Kiev to cover the Ukrainian picture first hand.

3. Source: Same as above.

A group of Soviet Ukrainian students in Kiev sent a memorandum to Soviet authorities in early 1966 in which they demanded that all Ukrainians drafted into the army be required to serve only in the UkSSR and not in other republics.

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